



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR HAND THERAPY

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Annual report secretary

As secretary, it is my task to keep record of all activities, reports and processes that are in progress of being completed. This year it was again a very loaded year. This time not because we, the ExCom, have been adapting the format of the CM with the proposals or with the excel files for the action points. The reason is, of course, the organisation of our triennial Eurohand congress next to the daily activities of continuing processes that needed to be done. Such as looking and opening the new bank account as the Swiss bank denied us as a client.

The other and sometimes a less pleasant part of being the secretary is, in order to keep all the processes going, remind everybody many times about their tasks/roles. As requested during the council meeting of Milan I think it was, I have put in my e-mail signature a continues reminder and link to the delegates role.

Why is this so important, you may ask? The reason is, that it is the responsibility of the national society and delegate to give shape to the 'face' of the federation, by giving the ExCom, Sc and Ec mandates and tasks to complete. The committees give shape to your requests and so forth. So, the better you, delegate, are aware of the roles, action points to be completed, questions you come up with, feedback to give us (when requested or not), the stronger the federation can evolve. This evolution has only one purpose and that purpose is: giving hand therapy a shape for the future, unite hand therapy across Europe. One of the main tools are the preparations of the CM proposals and the agenda. All, additional, background information is available or can be asked additionally. So please use these resources, consult us, when having trouble to understand some proposals or other things.

This close collaboration works! Within the federation we have some examples, such as the creation of the ECHT. Another example is the quasi semi-professional structure that has been established by the previous ExCom team, being the current team with Gabrielle and without our current president-elect Ali. This semi-professional structure has grown from feedback (constructive, positive and negative) from the Council members and the committee members themselves. The structure has made the ExCom work on an even more efficient, structured and more transparent way. Job Descriptions and regulations for each committee have been created and are available on our website together with the expectations, role of the delegate.

So, to conclude my report You and I, everybody does these activities in our free time so why not make sure that it can be as efficient as possible. **Let us all make sure we work as a symbiose in balance, let us put our hands together and combine forces even better to make sure that a strong**

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foundation (federation) for hand therapy is available for all European Countries. You all are doing a nice job, let's keep it this way!

Sincerely
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